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**DECLARATION FOR  
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**SYSTEM, METHOD AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR BENCHMARKING IN  
A SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK**

the specification of which was filed on **April 13, 2001**,

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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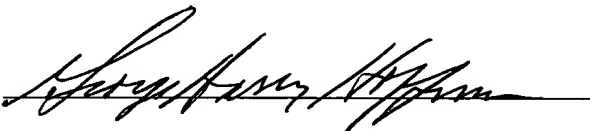
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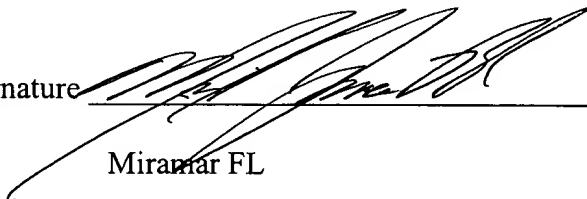
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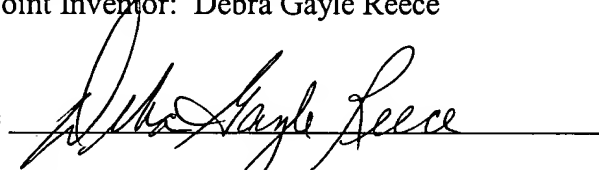
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